Construction of Wayside Amenities.

Procurement of equipments directly related to torusim, like Water Sports, Adventure. Sports, Eco-freindly modes of transports for moving within the Tourism zone.

Refurbishment of the Monuments
Signages.

Reception Centres.

Tourist Accommodation.

(c) and (d) The rural tourism scheme has been introduced in the current financial year and ten projects would be identified every year for implementation in the country, during the Tenth Plan.

Upgradation of Tourist circuits in Rajasthan

1484. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from any foreign country or agency to develop and upgrade the various tourist circuits in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds that would be allocated towards the same; and

(d) if not, whether Government would consider initiating dialogue with some foreign country or foreign agency to develop and upgrade the various tourist circuits in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Department of Tourism, Government of India will examine such a proposal if it is received.

Declaration of sri arunachaleswara temple as a national importance

1485. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India has decided to declare Sri Arunachaleswara Temple of Tiruvannamalai as a monument of national importance;

(b) whether the State Government has been informed of it;

(c) if not what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) In what manner the Archaeological Survey of India proposed to ensure that the worship in the living temple is not affected?

THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Preliminary notification has been issued on 21.9.2002 under section 4(1) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 by the Central Government expressing its intention to protect the Arunachaleshwarar, temple to take care of the structural repairs, chemical preservation, environmental development and objections have been invited from the public.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Through a Memorandum of Understanding between the parties.

Recognised tourist spots in ne region

1486. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the recognised tourist spots in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) the names of tourist spots where new projects are planned on tourism in the North-East; and

(c) the projects for which funds are allotted and those for which funds are not allotted with particular reference to the North-East?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Some of the important tourist spots in the NE region are as follows:

Assam : Guwahati, Kaziranga National Park, Kamakhya Devi Temple (religious), Sibsagar.

Arunachal Pradesh : Itanagar, Bomdila, Tawang Gompa (religious).

Manipur : Imphal, War Cemetery, Loktak Lake, Govindajee Temple (Religious).